

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 29, 2006, and the Decision on Appeal mailed on August 26, 2009, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application, where claims 1, 11 and 25 are independent. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

By means of the present amendment, the drawings have been amended for better conformance of FIGs 3-4 with the specification. In particular, FIG 3 has been amended to:

change reference numeral "131" pointing to a box labeled "Security" to --135--, in conformance with page 8, line 9 of the specification;

change reference numeral "141" pointing to a box labeled "RC"

to --140--, in conformance with page 8, line 12 of the specification;

change reference numeral "140" pointing to a box labeled "IR" to --142--, in conformance with the changes to page 8, lines 19 and 21 of the specification;

to add reference numeral --141-- to a box label "IT" within the box labeled "RC", in conformance with page 8, line 13 of the specification.

Further, FIG 4 has been amended to:

change reference numeral "124" pointing to a box labeled "Stereo" to --224--, in conformance with page 11, line 1 of the specification;

change reference numeral "231" pointing to a box labeled "Security" to --235--, in conformance with page 11, line 30 of the specification;

change reference numeral "241" pointing to a box labeled "RC" to --240--, in conformance with page 12, line 3 of the specification;

change reference numeral "240" pointing to a box labeled "IR" to --242--, in conformance with the changes to page 12, lines 10 and 12 of the specification;

to add reference numeral --241-- to a box label "IT" within the box labeled "RC", in conformance with page 12, line 4 of the specification;

to add reference numeral --306-- to a box label "CPU" within the box labeled "RC", in conformance with page 13, line 20 of the specification; and

to add a box labeled as ARA with a reference numeral --304-- pointing thereto, in conformance with page 13, lines 17-18 of the specification.

Replacement sheet including FIGs 3-4 are enclosed. Further, an annotated marked-up version of the sheets including FIGs 3-4 are also enclosed for convenience. Applicant respectfully request approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended for better conformance with the drawings and the changes to drawings.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0149576 (Sunyich). Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sunyich. Further, claims 11-17 and 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sunyich in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0109938 (Daum). Claims 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sunyich in view of Daum and U.S. Patent No. 4,899,37 (Lee). However, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, in Appeal No. 2008-004134, decided on August 26, 2009, reversed the rejection of claims 11-24. (See Page 11 of the Appeal 200-004134)

By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to include features similar to that of independent claim 11, where the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences found that such features are not disclosed or suggested in the Sunyich, Daum and Lee.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 11 and 25 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted

that claims 2-10 and 12-24 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 11.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheets (2 sheets including FIGs 3-4)

Enclosure: Annotated drawing sheets (2 sheets including FIGs 3-4)

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